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## Engaged



LYNN B. KUPEC

(Loring Studios)

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kupec of 61 Taft St., Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Barbara, to John Frederick Litchfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Litchfield Jr., of 54 Mountaiview St., Agawam.

Miss Kupec attended Agawam High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from American International College. She is currently teaching in the

Agawam School System.

Mr. Litchfield also attended local schools and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the School of International Service at the American University, Washington, D.C. He is presently working towards his Master's Degree at the University of Massachusetts.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Inman Appointed Chairman For VFW Buddy Poppy Sale

The appointment of Mahlon Inman as chairman of the VFW's annual Buddy Poppy sale was announced today by Comdr. Netkovick of Post No. 1632. Announcement was also made of the appointment of Anna D. Bissonnette as Auxiliary chairman. She in turn has named Katherine Dickinson her co-chairman. Buddy Poppies will be sold on the streets of Agawam on May 3rd thru the 10th. Containers will be left in places of business for the entire month of May where the public can easily purchase one at their convenience.

Local VFW and Auxiliary officers expressed a desire to make this year's sale of Buddy Poppies the biggest in modern times. They point out that today, with boys fighting in Vietnam, we are reminded of our obligation to help those who gave, and are today giving, so much on our Nations' battlefields.

They point out that the continued high cost of living is placing an increased burden on our disabled and needy veterans and on those who are attempting to

serve them. Those who buy and wear Buddy Poppies will make a substantial contribution to this worthy cause.

"It is hoped," said these VFW leaders, "that our citizens of Agawam will contribute generously, and help us remember hundreds of orphans in our National Home at Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

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## VWWI To Install Cmdr. Cleary Apr. 22

While the rest of the officers of World War I, Walter S. Kerr Barracks No. 396 were installed this winter, their hardworking, well-liked commander-elect was confined to the Springfield Hospital.

Now up and around and able to resume his duties, James D. Cleary of Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will be installed as commander for his ninth consecutive year at a hot covered dish supper on April 22, at the National Guard Armory, Armory Drive, Agawam.

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## Town Hall Closed Monday, April 21

Rubbish Collection  
Route 1, will be  
April 22

Town Dump Closed  
April 21

## Local Coin Show Places Emphasis On Money, April 20

Money, money everywhere, but none to spend. That's the story whenever coin collectors gather, and gather they will at the local coin show. Its more than money for money's sake, and everyone in attendance is entitled to receive a special free gift.

The pristine beauties that are so highly valued by coin collec-

tors may appear to be little different than pocket change to you. There is, however, a big difference, and the difference is in the area of value. While a 1950 nickel minted in Denver might symbolize only a pack of gum to many, to a collector it represents a \$14.00 value.

Coins just such as this — plus a multitude of others from various eras and nations — may be purchased, sold or traded in the dealer bourse section of the coin show. Within this combination of a miniature stock exchange, flea market and auction gallery is transacted all the business of the coin show.

There is more to the show than  
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## St. Anthony's Church Societies Spaghetti Supper Saturday

St. Anthony of Padua Church, North Agawam, is sponsoring a home cooked spaghetti supper to benefit the church building fund. Rev. Joseph Martia, C.S.S., is serving as honorary chairman. General chairman is Richard Cebrelli with Godfrey Borgatti as

co-chairman. The three presidents of the church societies are helping co-ordinate the supper, they are: Holy Name Society, Paul D'Amato, Catholic Women's Club of St. Anthony's, Margaret Ferranti and Rosary Altar Society, Mrs. Dorothy Pilegi. James P. Kane is welcoming host and Frank Gatti in charge of publicity.

Servings will be from 4:30 until 8 p.m. Saturday the 19th at Agawam High School cafeteria.  
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## Valley Church To Serve Roast Beef Dinner Apr. 27

Valley Community Church (The Church on the Hill) South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will serve a family style Roast Beef Dinner on Sunday afternoon at 2, April 27th.

The menu will include, fruit cup, roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cole slaw, rolls and-butter, apple pie with cheese, coffee, tea or milk.

Adult tickets are \$2.50, children age 6 to 12, \$1.25 and age 5 and under free. For reservations please call Mrs. Gilbert Bowden, ST 8-0105 or Mrs. Arthur Stanwell, RE 6-4156.

## Local Jaycee-Ettes To Meet Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Agawam Jaycee-ettes will be held on Tuesday evening, April 22, at the home of Mrs. William Spring. The final business meeting of the year will begin at 8 p.m.

Committee chairmen are asked to present a final report at this meeting.

All members are asked to be present as the election of officers for the coming year will be held.

## Local Business Transferred



Rocky's Hardware, Inc., the area's largest hardware company, has announced the purchase of the assets of Agawam Paint and Hardware Co., Inc., of 303 Walnut St., Agawam.

In a joint release, James J. Falcone, President of Rocky's, and Samuel Lichter, President of the Agawam concern, stated that the transaction is effective immediately and that operations will be carried on without interruption while a modern 5000 square foot facility is being constructed on the same site.

This is the fourth retail hardware store in the Rocky's chain and the first outside of Springfield. In addition, the company has a complete rental service cen-

ter on Union Street in Springfield.

Samuel Lichter and his wife, Leah, have operated the Agawam  
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## Local Marine Retires



RONALD V. GLOSTER

Master Sergeant Ronald V. Gloster, a member of Company "C", 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, retired April 13th at formal ceremonies held at the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Springfield.

MSgt. Gloster resides with his wife, Gloria, and their four children, Mary, who will be 16 this month, Daniel, 14, Richard, 11, and Christopher, 6 years old, at 46 Althea Circle, Agawam, Mass. Both MSgt. Gloster and his wife are originally from Springfield.

The 43 year old Marine is a veteran of 24 years service with the Marines. MSgt. Gloster served in World War II and the Korean conflict. He was decorated for his WWII service while serving with the 18th Defense Battalion. He received the Presidential Unit Citation and Purple Heart.

Capt. Joseph F. Ashe, the Commanding Officer of Company "C", presented the retirement papers and conducted the retirement ceremony. First Sergeant (Retired) James Votzak and MSgt. Gloster's family was also in attendance.

In honor of National Library Week, April 20-26th, the Agawam Public Libraries are offering to the Town of Agawam an opportunity to return, anytime during that week, absolutely fine free, all overdue books, no matter what date or year they were originally due. Books may be dropped in boxes that will be provided at each library—no questions asked.

North Agawam patrons may return their books at North Agawam Library on April 22 and April 28 as well as at Agawam Center and Feeding Hills during National Library Week. Only one restriction upon this venture—that the overdue books be only those borrowed directly from an Agawam Library.

Shirley A. Richard  
Chief Librarian



# CHURCH NEWS

## AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam  
 Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister  
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Organist  
 Miss Donna Ashton, Organist  
 Mrs. Marshall Keyes,  
 Sanctuary Choir Director  
 Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,  
 Junior/Youth Choir Director  
 Friday: 6:15 p.m. Bowling  
 teams at Westside.  
 Sunday — 9:30 a.m. The  
 Church at Worship... nursery for  
 infants... Church School in ses-  
 sion until 10:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship Hour; 6 p.m. Youth  
 Group.  
 Tuesday: 6:10 p.m. Youth  
 Choir practice; 6:45 p.m. Junior  
 Choir practice; 7:30 p.m. Sanc-  
 tuary Choir practice.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor  
 Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist  
 Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director  
 Mrs. Barbara Briggs,  
 Church Secretary  
 Thursday: 1:30 p.m. Ella Bond  
 Circle meet in church parlor;  
 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearse  
 at church.  
 Friday: 7:30 p.m. The Teach-  
 ers and officers of church school  
 meet in Davis Hall.  
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning  
 worship. Rev. Ben Lockhart will  
 preach sermon at morning wor-  
 ship service. Senior Choir will  
 sing; 10:30 a.m. Church school  
 and 6 p.m. Junior High and Sen-  
 ior High BYF's meet at church.  
 Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. Gift and  
 Gab Circle meet at home of Mrs.  
 Donald Cassada in Suffield; 6:30  
 p.m. Melody Choir rehearse at  
 church.  
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 and 7 to 9 p.m., Trading Post  
 open; 8 p.m. The Home Study  
 Group meet at home of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Frank Meyer, Jr., on Birch  
 Hill.

April 1, 1931 — Virne Beatrice  
 "Jackie" Mitchell, 19, was the  
 first woman pitcher engaged by  
 an organized male baseball team.  
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 (Tenn.) Baseball Club.

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## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister  
 Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,  
 Minister of Music  
 Friday — 7 p.m. Boy Scout  
 meeting; 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
 choir rehearsal.  
 Saturday—8:45 a.m., Interme-  
 diate choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m.  
 Junior choir rehearsal.  
 Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at  
 morning worship and church  
 school, nursery thru 6th grade;  
 10 a.m. Church school, 7th grade  
 thru 12th.  
 Monday — 7 p.m. Cub Scout  
 meeting.  
 Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Senior  
 choir rehearsal.  
 Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Adult  
 religious education study group.

## FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.  
 Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney,  
 Minister  
 Randall L. Nofall, Organist  
 Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director  
 Friday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting of  
 the Board of Trustees in the  
 Spear Room.  
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Church School  
 for nursery through 6th grade;  
 10 a.m. Worship Service. "Mis-  
 sion Advance" Sunday; 6:30 p.m.  
 Senior High Youth Group meet  
 in the social halls.  
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. Church  
 School for grades 7, 8, 9; 8 p.m.  
 Ladies Benevolent Society meet-  
 ing. Guest Night.

## SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS  
 Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.  
 Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.  
 Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m.  
 Confessions.  
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30  
 a.m. Masses.  
 Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous  
 Medal Novena Devotions.

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.,  
 Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.  
 Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30  
 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.  
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.  
 and 5:30 p.m.  
 Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30  
 p.m.  
 Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30  
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Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. An-  
 thony Devotions.

## ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard  
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Daily Mass—7 a.m.  
 Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30  
 and 7:30 Confessions.  
 Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m.  
 Mass.

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce  
 Rev. Albert Blanchard  
 Saturday — Confessions 4 to  
 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30,  
 11:45 a.m.  
 Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass fol-  
 lowed by Miraculous Medal No-  
 vena.

## VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

152 South Westfield St.  
 Feeding Hills  
**"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"**  
 Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister  
 Mrs. Hazel Prior, Choir Director  
 Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist  
 Mrs. Richard Orr,  
 Church Secretary  
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning Wor-  
 ship with Sermon "The Better  
 Things of Life" and Sunday  
 School Classes; 6 p.m. The Hill-  
 toppers.  
 Special Events to Come:  
 Sunday, May 11—Mothers Day  
 Baptism of Children.  
 Sunday, May 25—Dedication  
 Sunday... for all gifts and me-  
 morials provided our new build-  
 ing.  
 Sunday, June 8 — Children's  
 Day Exercises.  
 Sunday, June 22 — Renewal of  
 Marriage Vows Sunday.

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts.  
 West Springfield, Mass.  
 Larry Thornton, Pastor  
 Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School  
 for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning  
 worship service. Supervised nur-  
 sery service available upstairs  
 in the church during both Bible  
 School and morning service; 7  
 p.m. Evening Service.  
 Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-  
 week prayer meeting and Bible  
 study.  
 (Bible Baptist Church is in  
 fellowship with the General Assn.  
 of Regular Baptist Churches and  
 the American and International  
 Councils of Christian Churches.)

## Comdr. Cleary . . .

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 Tickets will be available at the  
 rectory or at the door that night.  
 Chairman of tickets is Louis Gal-  
 lerani with Jean and Jo Lango as  
 co-chairmen. The general public  
 is invited to attend with chil-  
 dren's tickets at a reduced price.  
 A spring theme will be used in  
 hall decorations in charge of Mr.

## Promoted



SGT. LEO J. MUTTI

Recently Sgt. Leo J. Mutti was  
 promoted to Staff Sergeant effec-  
 tive as of April 1st this year. He  
 is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dante  
 Mutti of 142 High St., Agawam.  
 SSgt. with the U.S.A.F., is sta-  
 tioned in Tainan, Taiwan, Re-  
 public of free China serving a  
 two year tour as a noncommis-  
 sioned officer in charge of the  
 base water purification plant.  
 He is accompanied by his wife,  
 Jeryl, and their son, Dante A.  
 3rd, pictured above. Recently he  
 completed his sixth year with Air  
 Force.

## THE STIGMATINE FATHERS ANNOUNCE A RETREAT FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

The Stigmatine Fathers will conduct a retreat for engaged  
 couples over the weekend of April 18-20, 1969, at the  
 Espousal Retreat House in Waltham, Mass. (Tel. 893-3465).

These retreats, which have been conducted successfully in  
 the past, for several years, begin on Friday evening and end  
 on Sunday afternoon. They are intended for couples who  
 are seriously considering marriage in the foreseeable future,  
 and are concerned with preparing for a Christian marriage.  
 People of all denominations and of mixed faiths have made  
 these retreats in the past and are most welcome.

## Catholic Women's Club To Hear Mr. E. Wiburg, Gemotologist

Election of officers for the  
 1969-70 season will be held at  
 the April meeting of the Catholic  
 Women's Club, Monday evening,  
 the 21st, at 8:30 in St. John the  
 Evangelist Church Hall. The  
 slate of officers will be present-  
 ed by Mrs. Francis Capitanio,

chairman of the nominating com-  
 mittee, assisted by Mrs. Walter  
 O'Connor and Mrs. John Shea.

Following the business session,  
 Mrs. William Martel, program  
 chairman, will introduce Mr. Er-  
 nest Wiburg, vice-president of  
 Landen-True and well known lo-  
 cal gemotologist who will dis-  
 cuss "The World of Gems and  
 You." Mr. Wiburg will have  
 trays of unusual stones and  
 pieces for the club members to  
 look at and during his discussion  
 will compare jewels with the per-  
 sonalities of people, with many  
 humorous sidelights.

Mr. Wiburg is past president  
 of the Springfield Better Busi-  
 ness Bureau and presently an  
 executive board member. He is  
 an associate of the American  
 Gem Society, past co-chairman of  
 State Affairs Committee and is  
 actively engaged in many local  
 civic affairs. His program prom-  
 ises to be both informative and  
 entertaining.

Hospitality chairman, Mrs. Jo-  
 seph Lovotti, has appointed Mrs.  
 Robert Wysocki hostess for the  
 evening. The following club mem-  
 bers will assist in serving refresh-  
 ments: Mrs. Lawrence Moirano,  
 Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, Mrs.  
 Robert Sullivan, Mrs. Albert  
 Taupier, Mrs. Felix Thompson,  
 Mrs. Lawrence Vedany, Mrs. Al-  
 bert Veronesi, Mrs. Stanley Whit-  
 lock, Mrs. Walter Willard and  
 Mrs. J. Clinton Wright.

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 itical newspaper in the United  
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# "Anne Sullivan Macy, The Story Behind Helen Keller"

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for  
THE AGAWAM INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

By RICHARD JOHN CURRY  
6 South West St., Feeding Hills, Mass.

From the very beginning, Annie's task proved tremendous. That she was a Yankee did not help her to become better received by her southern employer, Captain Keller, who had fought for the South during the Civil War. To add to her problems, Helen had been completely spoiled.

It was necessary that the teacher gain full control over the rebellious student if learning were to begin. Thus, between Helen's tantrums and the dubious glances from Captain Keller, Annie sought to seclude the student from her family distractions.

Success was slow in coming, but on April 5, 1887, Helen had learned the key to the language barrier. Now for the first time since Jimmie's death Annie Sullivan departed from her island of loneliness. "Teacher", as she was called, and student became inseparable. With the coming of Christmas in the Keller home there came a ray of hope and happiness.

News of Annie's success with Helen soon spread northward. Unfortunately one Boston newspaper exaggerated the happenings in Tusculumbia, but this could be expected under the circumstances. It was at this time that Annie and Helen gradually entered the public light with their first tour North.

Although "Teacher" and student were to be well received many trials and tribulations confronted them. Annie continually exerted every effort to help Helen to improve her speech. Even though the student had already learned to read the speech of others, this was not enough to satisfy the teacher.

By 1894 Annie and Helen were invited to attend a new school for teaching oral language to the deaf. Their finances were at the lowest level, but they had high hopes! With some improvement in articulation, Helen came to the conclusion that she would never have a normal voice.

During this period Annie and her student were to meet many notable figures. Needless to say Miss Sullivan was acknowledged as a great teacher by many of these famous people. However, it was Dr. Alexander Graham Bell who was to have the greatest influence on Annie.

By now she began to wonder if her student deserved a more capable teacher. On occasion tempting offers had been made to "Teacher", but in spite of everything Annie continued to stand by Helen.

The years of Helen Keller's formal education were difficult ones for Annie. In 1898 Helen enrolled in the Cambridge School for Young Ladies. This proved a trying time for Annie since the director of the school made an unsuccessful attempt to separate the two people who had become as one. Only through the intervention of Mrs. Keller and some of Annie's friends, namely Dr. Bell, was the problem brought to a happy conclusion. Never again would a separation be attempted.

After years of study and examinations Helen Keller finally entered Radcliffe College where she graduated with honors following four years of devoted assistance from Annie Sullivan. During this time Annie was to meet her future husband, John Macy. Also, Helen Keller was to write her book: "The Story of My Life", in which only a brief account mentioned Annie Sullivan and this was at her own request.



## COLLEGE NEWS

On AIC Dean's List

David P. English, 42 Roberta Cir., Mary Ann C. Julian, 439 Meadow Et., G. Frederick Scales, 80 Reed St., Agawam, Sylvia F. DeChristopher, 412 North West St., and Bruce P. Sokolowski of 29 Ridgeway Dr., Feeding Hills, have been named to the Dean's List at American International College for the first semester. 158 undergraduates attained the Dean's List status. The list includes students from 10 states and one foreign country.

Western New England  
Dean's List Students

Three local students at Western New England College have been named to the first semester Dean's List. Majoring in Engineering are: Raymond Favreau, 90 Pleasant Dr. and Ronald L. Cavallon, 22 Ralph St., Feeding Hills. Majoring in Business Administration is Thomas P. Phaneuf, 52 Ridgeview Dr., Feeding Hills.

U of M. Honor Students

Approximately one out of every five undergraduates at the University of Massachusetts is an honor student. Top-ranking students are: Marianne R. Pedulla, 327 Meadow St., Donna L. Gaunt, 28 Doane Ave., Margaret M. Cleary, 15 Silver Lake Drive, Andrew J. Ennaco, 47 Hall St., Regina A. Shepard, 416 Suffield St., Paul R. Halbach, 66 Elbert Road, Martha S. Magovern, Birch Hill Rd., Jean H. O'Connell, 206 Maynard St., Irene M. Karakla, 826 S. West St., Jacqueline Scott, 49 Barney St., Francis J. Gensheimer, 13 Charles St., George J. Skowera, 81 Belvedere St., and Donna L. Ploof, 1004 Suffield St.

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These suppers are held each

month on the fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., with the Ladies of the Auxiliary providing the delicious hot food but this will be a SPECIAL one indeed, for their invited guest and speaker will be Dept. Sr. Vice-Comdr. Colonel Leon LaValley.

Meetings will be held in separate rooms for both the Auxiliary and the Barracks immediately following the installation. We are hoping for 100% attendance from our members. We're sure YOU WON'T want to miss this eventful pot luck supper and the interesting evening planned by the committee.

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Recording secretary, Aden Burt; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kay Govoni; Treasurer, Mrs. Kay Caroleo; Chaplain, Mrs. Mabel Miller; historian, Mrs. Josephine Slight; Pianist, Edson Ferrell and Hostesses, Mabel Huley, Selina Beauchene, and Lucy Plazza.

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Thursday, April 17, 1969

## National Library Week, 1969

The week of April 20-26 this year is set aside as National  
Library Week. During this time the peculiarly human character-  
istic that accounts for all of man's accomplishment is to be com-  
memorated—the ability to store the sum total of his knowledge and  
build new knowledge upon it.

Our libraries preserve the written word that records faithfully  
all that the wisest and most gifted among us have learned of the  
arts, of literature, of science and technology, of life, the world and  
the universe around us. In great libraries the record of civilization  
is being kept—in movies, in the sound of stereo tapes, on microfilm.  
The purpose of National Library Week is to create broader aware-  
ness of the need for a better-read, better-informed America and to  
encourage the habit of reading and library use.

Libraries have been the cornerstone of civilization throughout  
recorded history. They were never more so than now. Knowledge,  
especially in scientific fields, expands at a fantastic rate and an  
education can truly never be completed but must be constantly  
sought throughout a lifetime of learning. Libraries remain a pri-  
mary tool of learning. During National Library Week, let us  
strengthen the habit of using them often and well.

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## Library Trustees Celebrate National Library Week

Library trustees from the  
western area of Massachusetts  
are meeting Monday evening,  
April 21, at 7 at the Wilbraham  
Public Library as a part of Na-  
tional Library Week. The pro-  
gram is designed to help the in-  
dividual trustee and to stimulate  
concerted action on common prob-  
lems of the library trustee.

One of the highlights of the  
program will be a film entitled  
"Challenge of Change." This is  
a color film on recruitment and  
is put out by the Pennsylvania  
State Library.

Pictured above left to right  
are co-chairmen, Mrs. Edward  
Peck, West Springfield Library;  
Mr. Franklin Taplin, Westfield  
Library of the Western Mass.  
Library Trustees, a Div. of Mass.  
LBTA, and Mrs. William Keogh,  
Agawam, Secretary, Mass. Li-  
brary Trustee Association.

Another portion of the pro-  
gram will be devoted to a re-  
port of progress on two major  
bills before the legislature. One

is H1333 which will increase the  
amount of money to cities and  
towns, money to extend the ser-  
vices of the three regional systems,  
make trustees eligible for mem-  
bership on the regional system  
board and make the Boston Pub-  
lic Library a library of last  
resort. The second bill H2679 is  
designed to set up a graduate  
library school at the University  
of Massachusetts, Amherst cam-  
pus.

There will also be a panel dis-  
cussion on library education as  
it relates to minimum standards  
and accreditation, on salaries  
with emphasis on collective bar-  
gaining tactics.

At 7 p.m. there will be a  
guided tour of the new \$395,000  
Wilbraham Public Library by  
members of the library staff  
which will be followed by a film  
on the Connecticut River and nar-  
rated by Katherine Hepburn.

The Friends of the Library of  
Wilbraham will serve refresh-  
ments.

## Local Business . . .

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store since 1953. Since they  
opened for business, they expand-  
ed several times to become the  
only exclusive complete line hard-  
ware store in Agawam. Their  
motto, "If we don't have it, you  
don't need it," became well-known  
in the community through the  
years.

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Marshall of Springfield repre-  
sented the Seller, and the office  
of Brooks and Brooks of Spring-  
field represented the Purchaser.

Seated left to right: James J.  
Falcone, Lea Lichter and Sam-  
uel Lichter. Standing left to  
right: Atty. Arthur M. Marshall,  
Atty. Philip A. Brooks and Jo-  
seph P. DeMarco of Rocky's.

## Local Coin Club . . .

(Continued From Page 1)

the bourse, however, just as old  
coins have historical as well as  
monetary values. Prominently  
displayed alongside the dealers  
wares will be the collectors  
prizes. Name your area of in-  
terest, and chances are it will be  
represented.

The coin show will be a perfect  
place to spend a part of the  
weekend. And, don't forget to  
bring the family along, as both  
young and old can find much en-  
joyment in the beauty, history  
and fascination of coins.

If the subjects of coins and  
collecting are not presently with-  
in the realm of ones knowledge,  
there is no better way to cor-  
rect this inadequacy than by go-  
ing to the show and talking with  
your collecting neighbors. Collec-  
tors are by nature friendly indi-  
viduals, and the officers and  
members of the Agawam Coin  
Club are always fully willing to  
assist newcomers.

All collectors, both old and  
new, should keep themselves fully  
informed about the hobby, just  
as in their daily lives they keep  
themselves up-to-date on the  
world about them. In an effort to  
further this objective the spon-  
soring group has arranged for  
each registrant at the show to  
receive — as a free gift — a cur-  
rent issue of one of the nation's  
leading publications for coin col-  
lectors.

All interested persons are in-  
vited to the Agawam Coin Club's  
third annual Coin Show to be  
held Sunday, April 20, at the  
Junior Achievement Building,  
Eastern States Exposition, West  
Springfield, Mass.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGAWAM, MASS.

April 14, 1969  
Notice is hereby given under  
Chapter 138 of the General Laws,  
that the Loyal Order of Moose  
Lodge #1935, Inc., George G. Gelo,  
Mgr., has applied for a license to  
sell Alcoholic Beverages of the  
following kind: Seasonal Al Alco-  
holic as a Club at 14 North St., on  
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### AGAWAM LODGE

#### No. 1935



The year 1968 couldn't help but be a banner year in the history of our Moose Lodge No. 1935. THIS was the year, we received our charter, THIS was the year which set the style of action and things to come, THIS was the year of a great membership, of great lodge enthusiasm, of bigger and better things in Community Service and civic affairs. It is hoped that the committees have saved all of the data concerning local civic and community service activities so that our lodge will submit a scrapbook in the annual competition.

The mailing deadline for sending the scrapbooks to the Dept. of Civic Affairs at Mooseheart is April 30. Judging begins on

### Inman Appointed . . .

(Continued From Page 1)

Did you know that: The Veterans' of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy Sale has been conducted nationwide since 1922? The proceeds are used exclusively for the aid, relief and comfort of disabled and needy veterans, the widows and orphans of deceased veterans?

Assistance in establishing disability claims or gaining other veterans benefits is available without charge to any veteran through a nationwide system of veterans service officers maintained by the Veterans of Foreign Wars? A portion of the cost is contributed by the public through their purchase of the VFW Buddy Poppy?

Nearly 100,000 men, women, and children donate at least a day of their time and effort each year to conducting the Buddy Poppy Sale? More than 200 orphans of veterans are being cared for at the VFW National Home? A portion of the cost is raised through this sale? The Poppy is completely assembled by the disabled veterans in hospitals? You should "Honor the Dead by Helping The Living." The Buddy Poppy has been the symbolic flower of Memorial Day since it's first sale by the VFW in 1922.

### Women's Club Have Scholarship Forms

Agawam Women's Club scholarship committee has announced that forms for the annual club scholarship are now available. This year the club has voted to limit applications to children and grandchildren of club members.

Application forms may be obtained from Mrs. Charles Hodges, Mrs. Bruno Maule, Mrs. Joseph Ferrara, Mrs. Ralph Webster or from the guidance director at Agawam High School.

The ALA says drivers who flirt with fate help escalate the accident rate.



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the second Monday in May and no scrapbook entered after that date can qualify.

There's always a Membership campaign going on in the Loyal Order of Moose. . . and that's good and that's why we ask all the members to wear their Moose emblems. One of the best ways to advertise the Moose is for all members to wear their emblems and show what degree of the Order each has already reached. Folks are attracted to our beautiful ties and Moose head tie pins so won't you wear yours?

The Ham supper held April 12

### Round The Town



By Ann Nael  
phone ST 8-8996

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Provost of 25 High St., Agawam, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

A surprise party was tendered them by their children, Adolphus, "Junior" and Armand Provost, Mrs. Joan Kane and Mrs. Shirley Poirier.

Over 35 friends and relatives attended the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Renwick Kane of 46 Taft St., Feeding Hills. The couple received numerous gifts and a money tree.

Mr. Charles J. Knudson, 92 Parkview Dr., Feeding Hills, Mr. Theodore Kopyscinski, 200 Rowley St., and Joseph L. Pisano of 2 McGrath Ter., Agawam, will attend the Prudential Insurance Company's regional business conference of the Northeastern region at the Diplomat Resort and Country Club in Hollywood, Fla., from May 5 to May 7.

Mr. Knudson, Mr. Kopyscinski and Mr. Pisano are agents of the company's West Springfield District.

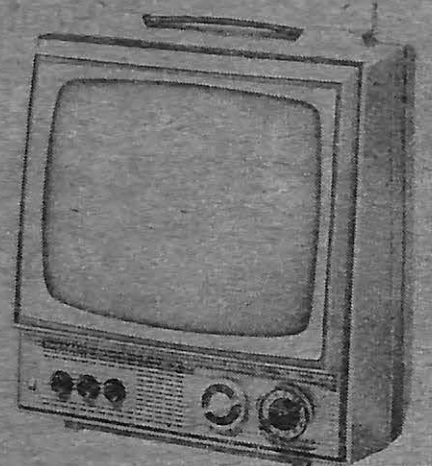
The four-day session will feature programs and seminars in advanced insurance subjects. Speakers will include executives from the company's Northeastern Home Office in Boston.

was very well attended. Frank Hankins won a large mirror donated by the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., of Hartford, Conn. Division, and Barbara Perry and Sam Smith won the next two large "special" gifts. The door prizes which were donated by co-chairman Ernest Dumond, Jr., were won by Earl Chisholm, Ann Waterman, Danny White, Barbara Morris, Rosemary Chisholm, Barbara Armstrong, Sharon Hankins, Rita Lamica and Judy Ramsey. Ernest Dumond, Sr., chairman of the supper and dance and his committee wish to thank all who helped in anyway to make this another success.

Did you clip out last week's column with all the future dates of enrollments, Legionnaires, Smorgasbords and Installations? We are looking forward to great activity during April and May and wish to see as many of you as possible. . . See U there?

A little bit of Moose philosophy: NO man can hold a chip on his shoulder very long if you have him take a bow now and then.

THE FISH TOO. . . Who was it who cracked?: "Opened by mistake" applies more to MOUTHS than to letter.



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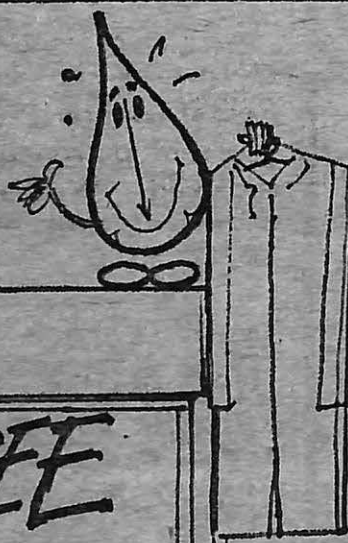
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## SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

Saturday is the big day! Many fishermen that hit the streams every year faithfully first day of the season are going to the ponds. The reason being that many of the streams are not receiving the quota of trout for opening day that they should. The Farmington River is not one of these streams. Not only did the Div. of Fisheries-Game stock their quota but the Sandisfield Rod-Gun Club placed 300 nice trout in the river last Saturday. The Buck, Clam and Farmington Rivers are a good bet opening day.

Ice went out of the Congamond Lakes last Tuesday. The state has placed 3000 trout in the waters and the State of Connecticut dumped 1500. Ice is out on Big Alum and most of the lakes in the central part of the State.

We are hoping that this week of warm weather will free the ice on a couple of good first day ponds in the Berkshires. Buel and Laurel are always hot the first couple weeks of the season . . . don't sell the Deerfield River short. The number of trout stocked this year may be down from previous stockings but the river always produces for the ardent bait (live and dead) fishermen. The banks will be well loaded opening day and the fishing should be excellent.

### OCTOBER NOT GOOD

There has been some rumors around lately that the Div. of Fisheries-Game is considering moving the bowhunting season for deer back to October. This is not as good an idea as it sounds. Of course the gun hunters that hunt Vermont and New Hampshire in November would like it. But you have to consider the bowhunting seasons in our sister states. Maine includes the entire month of October . . . New Hampshire, Oct. 1 to the gun season in November . . . Vermont from the 2nd Saturday in October for 16 consecutive days. If the season was pushed back to October in this state the bow-

hunting fraternity would be the one to suffer.

I, for one, am in favor of leaving the pre-season in November. I would like to see another week added for the pre-season hunting. In other words, three weeks of bowhunting with the added week being in front of the present two.

Drop Jim Shepard a line and voice your opinion. If you agree with me, tell him so, if not, let him know what you are thinking. I'm all for the Division to find something else to monkey with instead of the bowhunting season. You always have the cute guys that are forever conniving to upset a system if it will benefit themselves. The present bowhunting season interferes with their gun hunting in Vermont and New Hampshire so the heck with the ardent bowhunter who loves the sport; pushed it back into Oct. so that it coincides with the seasons of other states and the hunter is faced with a decision as to which state he will hunt. The consequence is that hunting time is lost to the bowhunter. He cannot hunt three states at the same time. It could be later than you think!! Do something about it now. WRITE.



Mario Sakellis,  
Executive Director

Mr. James H. Loomis, Jr., YMCA president, will attend the 13th annual New England Area YMCA Council meeting to be held in Hartford. The conference which will last for two days from Friday, April 18th, and April 19th will feature Doctor Kenneth H. Melvin, Professor at Boston University. Dr. Melvin will speak on the topic "Can We Really Trust Youth?" James Loomis will represent the Agawam YMCA along with the Executive Mario Sakellis.

### TWO MORE BUS STOPS

Mr. Sakellis announced today that this season's bus schedule will expand in Agawam in order to provide better service to its residents in town. The Day Camps have been growing the last two years under the leadership of Carmino Biagini, the Camp Director.

### PROVIN MT. DRIVE AND MEADOW ST.

Mr. Sakellis said that the Day Camp busses will now go up to Provin Mt. Drive, circle around



Free reflective tape will be applied to youngsters' bikes in a "Lite-A-Bike" program to be conducted here by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1632 in conjunction with Safety Officer Harold J. Burnett of the Agawam

Police Department with assistance from local Girl Scout troops — 57, 69, 217, 555, 70. School traffic guards will assist at street crossings at inspection areas.

Pictured above applying re-

flexive tape are left to right, Past Comdr. Brady D. Snyder, VFW chairman, Lynn Prior, 4th grade pupil at Danahy School, and Safety Officer Burnett.

Tape will be applied to bicycles Monday, May 21st, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church parking lot; Tuesday, May 22nd at South Street School; Wednesday, May 23rd, at Phelps School; Thursday, May 24th, at Danahy School; Friday, May 25th, at Robinson Park School and Saturday, May 26th, at Pierce School from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Strips of reflective tape will be put on the rear fender, handlebars and front forks of the bicycles, making each bike visible after dark from all angles. The highly reflective tape—the same material used in reflective traffic signs and license plates—is visible at distances up to 1,500 feet in the headlights of an automobile.

In addition to applying tape, VFW members in conjunction with Safety Officer Burnett will register each bike and inspect the bikes for proper equipment: horn or other signaling device, headlight (optional), rear reflector and functioning brakes.

Safety Officer Burnett stated, "All bikes are requested to be registered as previous registrations will only apply as long as registrars maintain his or her bike. In conjunction with the registration the Agawam Police Department will up-date and maintain permanent registration files to safeguard owners in case of theft."

## Now We Understand

When issues as vital as the sanitary disposal of sewage affects not only 180 Town Meeting Members but in reality the entire town, it is necessary that it's administrative leaders act with discretion and without prejudice.

Certainly we, in the Selectmen's office are concerned as deeply with the tax problem as anyone else. However, we cannot substitute "pollution" for "profit." This is exactly what the proponents of the A-3 zone changes would have us do at our annual Town Meeting.

We had the courage as Select-

Squire Lane and back to North Westfield and North St. Also another new route is from Phelps School to Meadow St. and Maple Ave., and then around the rotary to River Road. For further detailed information on the YMCA Day Camp and other programs call the Agawam YMCA.

### MYSTIC SEAPORT TRIP

The "Y" is sponsoring a bus trip to Mystic, Conn. seaport on Thursday, April 24th during the school vacation. This trip is open to boys and girls in grades 3-6. Parents and adults are welcome to come to this trip.

There will be a limited number of youngsters and registrations in advance are necessary and are now being taken at the Agawam "Y" office.

### David Skolnick New President of Trestle Board Club

"At last Thursday night's annual meeting held at the Agawam Congregational Church Parish Hall, Mr. David Skolnick was elected president of the Trestle Board Club for the ensuing year.

Also elected were the following officers: Mr. G. Arthur Armstrong, vice-president; Mr. George Fleming, secretary, and Mr. Robert Shields, treasurer.

The following gentlemen were elected to the Board of Directors: Robert Hall, Stanley Call, Edward Toon, Robert J. Shields, John Magovern and Donald Gaunt.

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## HOWDY NEIGHBOR

By BOYD PIERCE

The big difference between gossip and news depends on whether you hear it or tell it.

The most effective highway safety sign is on the side of a police patrol car.

A woman needs two men in her life. A husband and someone to compare him with.

Why is it that a person your own age always looks older than you do?

No wonder a new-born baby cries. It's hungry, naked and it already owes the government \$5,800.

There is nothing funnier than the look on the face of a person at the upper end of a dog leash, pretending not to know what's going on at the other end.

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## News Of Servicemen

### MORRISSEY PROMOTED

PHUOC, VINH, Vietnam (AH-TNC) — William E. Morrissey, son of William T. Morrissey, 602 Parker St., Springfield, Mass., was promoted to Army specialist four recently, while assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) near Phuoc, Vinh, Vietnam, as a mortarman.

His mother, Mrs. Marion E. Morrissey, lives at 33 Tower Ter., Agawam.

### LUGINBUHL COMPLETES COURSE AT FT. LEE

FT. LEE, Va. (AHTNC) — Army Private First Class Donald C. Luginbuhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Luginbuhl, 52 Campbell Drive, Agawam, completed a cooking course March 7 at the Army Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, Va.

During the eight-week course, he was trained in meat cutting, plus cake and pastry baking. He also learned how to prepare and serve food in mess halls and in the field.

The city of Boston has 759 miles of public streets, says the AIA.

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A delegation from Agawam High School is shown registering for the 29th annual Model Congress at American International College in Springfield, Mass. The Model Congress officially got underway Friday morning, March 28. The delegates registered in time to hear the keynote speaker, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, who also received an honorary doctor of Humane Letters degree from AIC. Welcoming the delegates is Diane Gallerani, Agawam, Mass., associate chairman. The delegates are, left to right: Joann Dellagustina, Steven Godet, and Alan Edwards.

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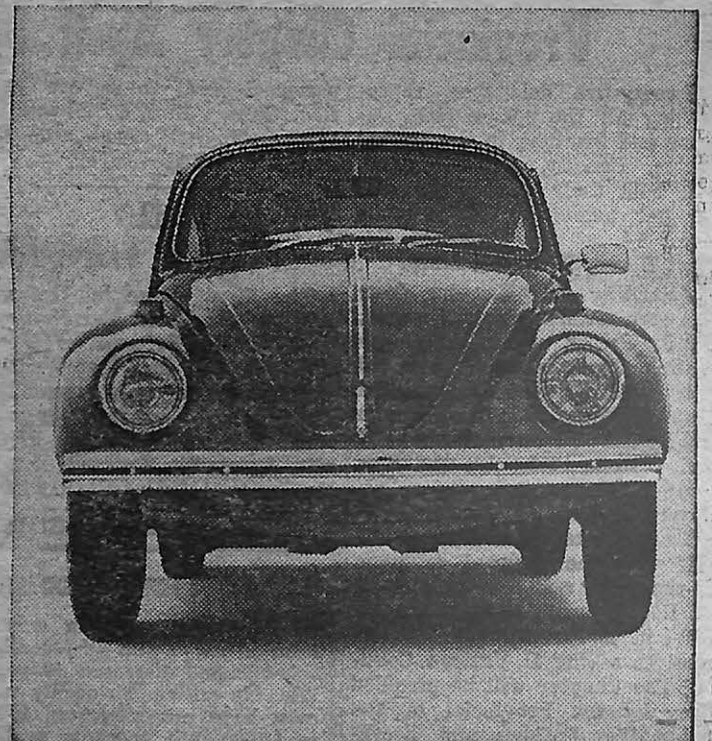
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## V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

At the April 7th meeting the Post Members accomplished a great deal. Nominated for office were:

Comdr. Adolf Netkovich; Sr. Vice-Comdr., Mahlon Inman; Jr. Vice-Comdr., Richard Dias; QM, Wilfred H. Bissonnette; Chaplain, Norman Wood, Sr.; Judge Advocate, Adam Link; Adjutant, S. Subotin; Officer of the Day, Thomas Dickinson; and Trustees: 1 year, Toimi Tammi; 2 years, Richard Adelman; and 3 years, Andy Cimma.

Elections will be at the next meeting on April 21st at the Post Home at 8 p.m. sharp. Appointed offices will be filled in the near future.

The Post has purchased from Mario Sakellis, Executive Director of the YMCA, camping privileges for two underprivileged children and donated \$100 to the Dept. Presidents Special Bus Project for the buying of a bus to transport Holyoke Soldiers Home Patients.

Poppies will be sold the week of May 3rd thru the 10th and the containers will remain in the places of business for the month of May. We will need lots of help to man the stations, please call and say you will help us.

A trophy has been donated by Comdr. Netkovich to the Poppy Committee for 1969. This tall elegant trophy is on display at the Post Home where it will remain and each year the winners name and year will be inscribed. This trophy will go to the winners of the most poppy sales between the Post and Auxiliary. Each year, in friendly competition, they strive to out-do one another but the proceeds are all for the same worthy cause. (See poppy article) More on poppies later.

Nomination of Officers for the Auxiliary was held Tuesday, April 15th, and will appear here in the next issue.

On May 18, we will host the Western County Council VFW Auxiliary at our Post Home. We will need refreshments and DON'T forget the white elephant sale after each meeting.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS, BELATED AND COMING**  
Belated Birthday wishes to Michael J. Dunphy on April 1; Anna E. Lefebure, 3rd; 9th, Richard Dias, April 12th, Pasquale Misichi and as the "Red Sox" would say "Wait till next year." Happy Birthday and have a jolly one too, April 20, Clarence W. Richards.

Mystery prize winners were Florence Steere, Betty McCarthy and Beatrice Newton. Ladies ace prize winner was Alma Racette and Gaston Allard for the men.

The following were awarded high score prizes: Ladies — 1st Marion Landers, 2nd Beatrice Newton, 3rd Viola Thayer, 4th Jessie Tompkins; Men—1st Harold Landers, 2nd Les Newcomb, 3rd Gaston Allard, 4th M. M. Mann.

The next card party will be held at the same place . . . time . . . and day. See you there!

### Christian Science Free Lecture Apr. 22

How prayer can help us win our freedom from the prisons of sickness, sin, and lack, will be the subject of a Christian Science lecture in Springfield, Tuesday, April 22.

Eugene Depold Tye, C.S., of San Diego, Calif., will speak at 8:15 p.m. in the church edifice, 599 State St. Given under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, the lecture, entitled "Claim Your Freedom," is open free of charge to the community.

Mr. Tye is a native of Philadelphia, Penn., and was educated in the Philadelphia public schools and the Drexel Institute of Technology.

During World War II, he served in the U. S. Infantry and Military Intelligence. He retired from business in 1957, to give his full time to the healing ministry of Christian Science.

Residents of Agawam and surrounding towns are invited to attend the exhibit this Saturday, April 19th from 7 to 7 p.m.

Mrs. Leslie Melanson, chairman of the event and Mrs. D. David Stratton, co-chairman, will hostess a coffee hour for artists exhibiting their work immediately following the show.

### Benevolent Society To Meet Monday

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold their annual guest night on Monday evening, the 21st.

The guest speaker will be Mr. G. W. Wynne, executive vice-president of the Eastern States Exposition. His topic will be "The Big E—Aristocrat of American Fairs."

Hostesses are Miss Florence Blish, Mrs. Bertram Goodwin, Mrs. David Cesan, Mrs. Arthur Sweeney and Mrs. William Vig-neaux.

Also, the society will have their annual Mother-Daughter banquet on Saturday, April 26th, at 6 p.m., at the church.

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## Stigmatine Fathers To Hold Provincial Chapter April 14

Twenty-five delegates, representing all the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers in the United States, Canada, and Thailand, will hold their sixth Provincial Chapter beginning on Monday, April 14, at the Espousal Retreat House, Waltham, Mass.

Attending this Chapter from this area are Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S., Rector of St. Anthony's Church, Agawam; Rev. Leonard Ferrecchis, C.S.S. of Mt. Carmel Church, Springfield; Rev. Joseph Pellin, C.S.S., Pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, Pittsfield; and Rev. George Ecker, C.S.S. also of Mt. Carmel Church, Pittsfield.

The Chapter will concern itself with the renewal program of the Order and the updating of its Rules, Constitutions, and Customs in conformity with the directives of the II Vatican Council. The Chapter will be presided over by the Provincial of the Stigmatine Fathers and Brothers, Very Rev. Charles Egan, C.S.S.

At the conclusion of this Chapter four delegates will be elected to attend an Extraordinary General Chapter to be held in Rome, where they will elect a new Superior General to replace Very Rev. Gilbert Fini, C.S.S. late, of West Springfield, Mass., who died in Rome last November.

### VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The first game in the new series of six Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Philomena Beavelt, Antoinette Trusdell, Rosella Neilson and Selina Beauchane.

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### Jr. Women's Club Art Exhibit Sat.

For the fifth consecutive year The Agawam Junior Women's Club will sponsor artists of all levels and mediums in an exhibit held in the historical setting of the Capt. Charles Leonard House in Agawam center. Several of the pieces being shown will be available for purchase.

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